

### REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

#### **I. Status of the Claims**

Solely to promote prosecution of the instant application, applicants submit a new claim set. Claims 16-23 are cancelled presently, while claims 24-31 are added. New claim 24 is supported by specification at page 2, lines 21-23, page 7, lines 4-15, page 8, lines 3-10 and page 8, line 29 to page 9, line 6, *inter alia*. Support for new claims 25-31 is evident, for example, in original claims 1-7, and related portions of the specification as filed. No new matter is added.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication to that effect is requested. Examiner Marvich is invited to contact the undersigned directly should she feel that any item warrants further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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